

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re application of

Werner BLUMENSTOCK, et al

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For: SYSTEM AND METHOD FOR REMOTE MAINTENANCE AND/OR REMOTE  
DIAGNOSIS OF AN AUTOMATION SYSTEM BY MEANS OF ELECTRONIC MAIL

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Prior to examination, please amend the above-identified application as follows:

IN THE SPECIFICATION:

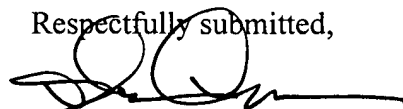
Amend the specification by deleting the text on Page 1, lines 1-3, and inserting therefor the following text:

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This is a Continuation of International Application PCT/DE99/03250, with an international filing date of October 8, 1999, which was published under PCT Article 21(2) in German, and the disclosure of which is incorporated into this application by reference.

REMARKS

Entry and consideration of this Amendment is respectfully requested.

Respectfully submitted,



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